## Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

| In the Matter of                            | ) |            |
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| Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's    | ) |            |
| Amateur Radio Service Rules to Eliminate    | ) | RM - 10786 |
| Morse Code Proficiency Testing Requirements | ) |            |
| For All Classes of Amateur Licenses         | ) |            |
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| To: The Commission                          | ) |            |

## Comments Of James Martin Huffaker N0PKH

- In my personal opinion as time and technology have changed there is no reason to maintain the Morse Code requirement for obtaining an Amateur radio license
- No government or commercial radio service uses Mores Telegraphy
- Morse skills are no longer required for Emergency Communications as they have been replaced by digital and other mode that are faster and easier to use and less error prone.
- There is no longer a need to maintain a pool of skilled Morse operators for Maritime or government service.
- The need for Morse testing does not meet the need of Amateur Radio development as most all new development is taking place in the more Technical modes
- The continuance of the Morse section of the Amateur testing is burdensome to the commission and to the amateur VEC'S that handle the testing.
- The Morse requirement in no way indicates the knowledge or skill of an individual operator.
- Many other countries in the world have already eliminated the Morse test from their license structure, as a world leader the USA should do the same.
- The Morse requirement in no way enhances Amateur Radio Service and only serves to inhibit the entrance and advancement of many good and capable operators.

Respectfully submitted,

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